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The meeting was called to order at 10.10 a.m.

Adoption of the agenda (PBC/2/OC/5)

1. *The agenda was adopted.*

The question of financing field missions of the Peacebuilding Commission

2. **The Chairperson** recalled that the Committee had reached an understanding on the proposed course of action with respect to the recommendation contained in paragraph 43 of the report of the Peacebuilding Commission (A/62/137-S/2007/458) on the question of financing field missions of the Commission. In view of that understanding, he proposed that he be mandated, in his capacity as Chairperson of the Commission, to address a letter to the President of the General Assembly requesting that agenda item 10 of the sixty-second session, entitled "Report of the Peacebuilding Commission", be also allocated to the Fifth Committee for the sole purpose of considering the question of financing field missions of the Commission.

3. **Mr. Løvald** (Norway) said that it was indeed important for the Commission to have the means to undertake field missions, which should form an integral part of its monitoring and tracking mechanisms. He encouraged members of the Committee to participate in the discussions in the Fifth Committee on the subject.

4. **The Chairperson** took it that the Committee wished him to address such a letter to the President of the General Assembly.

5. *It was so decided.*

6. **Mr. Knyazev** (Russian Federation) wished to know whether the budget request for the Peacebuilding Support Office, which was to be submitted for the consideration of the Fifth Committee, would include a reference to the question of financing the Commission's field missions.

7. **Mr. Otobo** (Peacebuilding Support Office) said that it would not.

Other matters

8. **Mr. Antonio** (Angola) expressed concern about the treatment of members of the Commission at the previous day's meeting of the Security Council. Since one of the two resolutions providing for the establishment of the Commission had emanated from the Council, it should be made easier for members of the Commission to participate in its discussions of the Commission's work, whether or not they were members of the Council itself.

9. **Mr. Deruffe** (France) said that the brochure presenting the United Nations peacekeeping architecture, which had recently been communicated to members of the Commission, should be transmitted not just for their information but also for their approval. He therefore proposed that it be discussed within the Commission at a forthcoming meeting so as to ensure that it was in line with the Commission's views on the subject.

10. **Mr. Knyazev** (Russian Federation) said that, while he also considered it important that the members of the Commission that were not members of the Security Council should be able to participate adequately in the Council's discussions of the Commission's work, each organ of the United Nations was responsible for its own arrangements.

11. **The Chairperson** said that meetings of the Organizational Committee were attended by representatives of the General Assembly, the Security Council and the Economic and Social Council. The points made during its discussion would consequently be heard by those concerned. In addition, he would discuss those points at his forthcoming meeting with the President of the General Assembly.

The meeting rose at 10.30 a.m.